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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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INFO AMCONSUL ADANA

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TAGS: ASEC, TU

SUBJECT: RED ARMY TERRORISTS

REF: STATE 283964 (ADANA 353) (NOTAL)

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR DAMASCUS INFORMS ME THAT RED ARMY
TERRORISTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE HAGUE INCIDENT LAST
SEPTEMBER REMAIN IN SYRIA UNDER DETENTION AS SAME ARMY
CAMP WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HOUSED SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL
HERE (DAMASCUS 2113, 2163 NOTAL). JAPANESE AMBASSADOR
ADDED THAT ACCORDING TO JAPANESE JOURNALIST IN BEIRUT

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AT LEAST ONE OF THIS GROUP HAS BEEN SEEN IN BEIRUT DURING

LATE DECEMBER. HE HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS.

2. COMMENT: SARG HAS YET TO RETURN TO THE DUTCH THE \$300,000 PAID TO TERRORISTS AT THE HAGUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TRIP AND CONFISCATED BY THE SYRIANS WHEN TERRORISTS LANDED HERE SEPTEMBER 18. WE ASSUME SYRIA REMAINS ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF RED ARMY TERRORISTS BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE FIND ANOTHER GOVERNMENT WILLING TO RECEIVE THEM.

3. WE HAVE NO MEANS VERIFY JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S REPORT THAT ONE OR MORE OF RED ARMY TERRORISTS DETAINED HERE DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO TRAVEL TO BEIRUT BUT AM FRANKLY SKEPTICAL THIS HAS OCCURRED. UNLESS OBJECTIONS PERCEIVED, WILL ADVISE SENIOR SYRIAN SECURITY OFFICER, WITH WHOM I HAVE MEETING SCHEDULED ON OTHER BUSINESS FOR JANUARY 9, ABOUT REPORT FURNISHED BY TURKISH AUTHORITIES AND REQUEST ALL PRE-CAUTIONS BE TAKEN INSURE THE RED ARMY TERRORISTS UNDER SYRIAN CONTROL ARE NOT PERMITTED CROSS TO TURKEY.
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